

Whether it be hosting events in honor of community members who have inspired Floridians all around or running a yearly campaign for cancer awareness at their shops, Jimmy Piedrahita, Shawn Neifeld, and Willie Muñoz understand the importance of giving back to the community and ensuring that those who are less fortunate are met with the assistance they need.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating Mojo Donuts' newest location. I congratulate Jimmy Piedrahita, Shawn Neifeld, and Willie Muñoz on this grand achievement. This new location will allow and accommodate residents from all of Florida and around the world. Small businesses such as this one are the backbone of this great nation and are the economic engine of America. I look forward to their continued success and prosperity in the future.

HONORING THE STERLING CAREER AND SERVICE OF CATHY IINO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tenure of a distinguished public servant in my district, Cathy Iino, of Killingworth, Connecticut. As First Selectwoman for the Town of Killingworth, Cathy chose to not seek re-election in 2021, marking a capstone to almost 20 years in service to her local community. Leading a tight-knit community of more than 6,300 residents, Cathy has consistently gone above and beyond in working with her constituency to promote the advancement of Killingworth while preserving its small-town charm. Her approach to leadership—a prime representation of eastern Connecticut values—stressed the importance of cooperation, respect, and humility.

Cathy studied Humanities at the University of Chicago, graduating in 1973. After having already moved to the nearby city of New Haven, Cathy and her husband, Paul, were in search of a place to call home, moving to Killingworth in 1996. While working as both a writer and editor, Cathy continually came across new opportunities for her community to grow, prompting her to depart from her line of work and enter the world of politics. First serving on the Board of Finance, then she found success in 2007 winning her bid to serve on the Board of Selectman—the first woman since 1993 to sit on the Board. In 2009, she elevated her leadership in the town when she was elected First Selectwoman.

During her tenure as First Selectwoman, Cathy prioritized being present and available for her residents. In 2015, for example, Cathy implemented “Coffee with the First Selectwoman,” to increase transparency and citizen participation in their town government. She would make herself routinely available for residents to talk to, whether it was outside town hall or at a local business. Though there are countless examples that demonstrate Cathy's guiding philosophy of bottom-up governing, perhaps the most successful was her ability to seek out and nurture volunteers to push forward the issues that mattered to them.

Cathy truly appreciated the difference that volunteers make in small-town communities,

embodying the spirit of volunteerism through her unwavering support of resident leaders. Being a smaller town, Killingworth has always had to put its resources to good use and has been best suited to rely on the voices of many rather than one. Frequently, Cathy encouraged residents to advocate for projects that they were passionate about, at which point she would lend her support and experience. This style of leadership is one of many traits that defined her time as First Selectwoman, and it reaped great rewards. One notable result of her support of volunteers is the restoration of Parmelee Farm, a historical site in Killingworth which had long been in a state of disrepair. Purely through volunteer efforts aided by Cathy's guiding hand, the farm has since become a vibrant area that connects the community together by way of recreation, education, preservation, and the arts.

During her time in office, Cathy was paramount to addressing the quality of Killingworth's capital assets—most notably of which would be the town's surface infrastructure. Under her leadership, a two-year study was conducted on Killingworth's roads, and the most deficient in town have since been rehabilitated.

Madam Speaker, as the congressman who represents Killingworth, I had a chance to observe up close Cathy's fine work, whether it was dealing with natural disasters, such as Hurricane Sandy or the Covid pandemic and she always performed superbly. She was extremely knowledgeable about the interaction of local, state, and federal programs which was invaluable to her town.

Madam Speaker, it is an incredible honor to represent and work with constituents as industrious and progress-oriented as Cathy Iino. Throughout her 12 years in service, Cathy has capably understood that leadership is about visualizing the connections that may exist within one's own community and then uplifting those connections in order to amplify the heartbeat of the town. Cathy is dedicating her well-deserved retirement to her family—her husband, two daughters, and one granddaughter. Even upon entering retirement, Cathy has remained civically minded, thinking about those issues which both our nation and the State of Connecticut face. Her diligent professionalism, caring nature, and honest, down-to-earth style of leadership will be impossible to replace, so we must find gratitude in that her impact on Killingworth will certainly last for generations to come. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Cathy Iino, a steward to her community and model citizen.

IN RECOGNITION OF MONICA LYDEN MULLIN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Monica Lyden Mullin, a selfless, committed public servant who has dedicated over forty years to service to the people of Massachusetts.

Born in East Weymouth, Massachusetts, Monica and her seven siblings are the children of a labor leader and longtime member of

MassPort's Board of Directors. Early on, she realized that she had an affinity for public service and a commitment to helping others. Her start in government came in 1979 when she worked for then-Governor Edward J. King in the Appointments Office. Working directly with members of the House and Senate, she quickly developed the skills and relationships that would support her work throughout her career. What set Monica apart was the fact that she cared more about people than politics. For Monica, it didn't matter what the person's party affiliation was. It only mattered that they needed help and Monica could do something to make their situation a little better.

After four years at the State House and three years at Mass Housing, Monica decided to put her career on hold to raise Sean, William, and Brendan, the three boys she had with her husband, Sean. However, the call to public service was inexorable, and she joined State Senator Therese Murray's district staff working directly on constituent matters. Monica engrossed herself in district issues and never lost sight of the true aim of government—to help the constituents we serve. Whether it was base realignment efforts in 2005 that impacted Joint Base Cape Cod or planning for the Plymouth 400 commemoration. Monica honorably represented the Senator and the residents of the Plymouth and Barnstable District.

Her invaluable work was recognized throughout state government. When Senate President Murray, a Democrat, stepped down from her seat, the Republican who succeeded her asked Monica to continue as his District Director. Monica once again saw people, not politics, as the foundation of her work. She gladly stayed on and has continued to serve the people of the Plymouth and Barnstable District under Senator Viriato deMacedo and his successor, Senator Susan Moran. More recently, families, neighbors, and businesses faced upheaval as COVID-19 swept the globe. Monica's decades-long experience and deep understanding of government made an immeasurable difference for scores of constituents. She has always taken great satisfaction in helping and advocating for people, especially during the COVID crisis.

Monica's illustrious career in public service is deserving of recognition and her dedication, selflessness, and commitment to the people of Massachusetts is worthy of distinction. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Monica Mullin on her retirement and recognizing her for her outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN RECOGNITION OF BECKY STEVENS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Becky Stevens as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's ATHENA Award.

This honor is awarded to individuals who continually strive for the epitome of professional development, and in turn, can excel in their career but also in our Blair County community. Becky embodies the power and wisdom of the Greek's mythological Athena